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TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Although very accidental
[illegible] to write you a few lines — I have
[illegible] to procure two [illegible] too bottles of
[illegible] which I send to you — the less the other
[illegible] I sent twenty five miles, to procure
[illegible] the town [illegible] of the ocean
[illegible] state, in which I would suggest
[illegible] state in which it is used from the tree — for the provided
plants, I can rely on [illegible] — I am not sure
the truth is [illegible] — add to this the difficulty of
[illegible] in a swampy country in the rainy season —
[illegible] sorry I was [illegible] —
[illegible] near the city, two miles in Guatemala
[illegible] the town — the [illegible] to
[illegible] from [illegible] the Spring [illegible] to
[illegible] from [illegible] state of [illegible]
[illegible] from
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Recd. July 22th.
Ansd. Oct. 24

Paris
Feb'y 1, 1840

Dear Sir

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
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Some four years I had the pleasure to send you some curiosities taken from what is commonly called the palaces in the ruins of the convent Palenque, but as my letter was never answered I presume you did not receive it, since that time the precarious state of my health & adverse fortune have combined to prevent my writing. Permit me now to renew our correspondence by sending you a box of parasitic plants prepared by Mr Linden Esqr a young gentleman now in this country on a scientific commission in the service of the King of the Belgians & in favor of whom I shall take the liberty to address to you a letter of recommendation, I include a catalogue, but Mr Linden will himself give you any information you may require concerning them —

With the best wishes for you.

Yours &c &c

I remain

Your much obliged friend

& humble Servant

E. P. Ware

J. Torrey. M.D.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
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Rec.d July ...
1841.

Teapa 27th May 1841

Doctor Torrey

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HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir

I take the opportunity offered by the sailing of Capt. Powers to forward to you, consigned to the care of my Correspondents Messrs Goodhue & Co a box of plants, and a fine living plant, which bears one of the most delicious fruits known in this country, & I hope you will be able to treat your friends to some at your own table the ensuing Year — The dry plants are not in a very good state of preservation owing to my continued absence when they required my personal attention, added to the extraordinary state of the weather, by day completing twenty one days that we have not seen the sun, a thing without example in Tabasco in the month of May, which is generally so hot and dry that the inhabitants carry in procession their patron Saint — Senor de Veras — usually twice in this month to insure a shower in their parched cornfields — I fear the remarks are very incompleat, you will therefore please to send me particular directions on this subject, I regret that I cannot send more, at present many having become black & unfit for your purpose, still I hope you will find some new ones never yet described as belonging to Mexico,

Mr Linden the Belgian naturalist on arriving at the bar found a vessel bound to his own Country and sailed in her, You would have been much pleased with him, he has spent four years in Brazil & this Country and acquired a vast fund of useful information on scientific subjects connected with his mission — He will probably be sent N. S. Wales, Should you be inclined to open a correspondence with him, make use of my name — you are already favorably known to him, & he will no doubt be gratified by your overtures & be a very agreeable correspondent —

I think you must be mistaken in relation to Mr Stevens expedition to Palenque I have never heard of his being in this State — I once sent you a remarkable head from Palenque with well defined negro features, I say remarkable as it being the only one I have seen of this description I should be pleased to know whether it was received —

It gives me much pleasure to learn that you are about to come before the world on a subject that will be sure to open to you the path to fame & honor, but I fear that its exclusive scientific character will almost preclude the hope of deriving profit or even a fair remuneration for years of toil & study — I wish I could procure subscribers, but in this country there are none who study or care for it. You will please to put my name down and deliver the work to Mr Goodhue who will pay for it, on shewing him this paragraph, it may be of as little use

to me perhaps as to others here, but I shall have opportunities to shew it to men of science as the work of an esteemed friend and dear to posterity.

The revolutionary state of the country will suspend my botanizing excursions for some time, for my being a North American I am looked upon as a man of liberal principles & have in consequence became an object of suspicion & ingratitude to the central party. I will give you another reason but I beg you will not suspect me of boasting. I hold the very highest standing as a Physician in this state, Chiapas part of Vera Cruz & a small portion of Yucatan & my brethren take advantage of the political circumstances of the day to direct the feelings & operations of the people against me. & were it not for my widely extended popularity I should long ago have been expelled the country — The troops of the Gen[l] Govt are now approaching in force, the federalist are uniting all their troops at this point which will in a few days become a scene of slaughter and all the horrors of civil war, a war which arrays father against son & brother against brother in the field of death, & which developes & gives scope for action to all the darker passions of the human heart — I owe you much kindness & though years of sorrow & sickness have rolled away & a thousand leagues of ocean dividing have not forgotten that I owe to you much of my present respectability, & I am still grateful for your favors & desire to serve you, it only remains for you to point the way — Truly Yours

J. P. Johnston

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TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
COLUMBIA

Monsieur Jules Linden

Brussels

Belgium

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Per Steamer Ariel

Allegheny Gardner

Dispatch Agent

New York

July 27

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

This letter has been written amidst the din of Arms and I scarcely know what to contain — at midnight the house is full of officers of the federal advance has been frightened in for I cannot believe their enemies are within twenty miles — L

Recd July 1842 -
Ans. Sept. 2d

Palisade March 1842

Dear Sir

I have committed to you a box of plants through the hands of Don Carlos Gaenard by the Schooner Sambel Southard & two more to the American Consul at Laguna with directions to forward them by the first opportunity. Messrs Howland & Aspinwall are his consignees. Among these you will find specimens of a new vermifuge. This is decidedly efficacious but sometimes produces an unpleasant effect. I have also two specimens of the guaco, & have tried the virtues of this plant for the cure of the bite of venemous serpents fully, & the result of my experience enables me to pronounce it about equal to white clover, as a pure tonic bitter it has few rivals. The collections have been made in an irregular & hasty manner, still I hope they will not be altogether unacceptable. You will find a greater number of some plants than are necessary, owing to my being deceived by their difference in appearance in the different stages of their growth, & sometimes to a desire to send a more perfect specimen & perhaps often to my having forgotten that I had already the same plant in my possession. I mentioned one as having almost microscopic flowers, this I believe was a mistake & I now call your attention to it to correct the error & request you will favor me with its botanical name, it will probably take a place in our Dispensatory. I shall write again in its virtues when experience shall enable me to do so with a certainty that I shall not lead you into error. - The numbers

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of your work on botany were duly received & it gives me pleasure to believe that it will lend a new impulse to your fame & afford a fair pecuniary compensation for years of toil devoted to this your favorite branch of science — The medical journal you mention never came to hand — I shall send you by the first opportunity a (sic) new remedy for worms (.) which I believe to be the best of this uncertain class of medicines, it is almost tasteless & may be given in powder in doses of from ten to twenty & perhaps thirty grains in the morning fasting, the dose may be so regulated as to produce very mild emetic & cathartic effects, try it carefully & if your experience confirms my representation of its virtues you will readily perceive that it will be an invaluable medicine for children —

The reports to my disadvantage which you mention, have given me much pain, but the knowledge of them has brought me the consoling assurance that I have a friend who takes a warm interest in my welfare both here & hereafter, & your last letter is not one of the least of your many acts kindness which I Remember with grateful pleasure —

I have heard of Mr Jones before, with you he passed himself as an auctioneer, which I believe to be true, with others he has pretended to be a lawyer, had you found my will he would undoubtedly have found ample proof of my death, he is a villain of the blackest dye, the pitiless seducer of innocence, the unprincipled invader & destroyer of domestic peace & happiness, — The man he dared to calumniate, compared with such a scoundrel stands out in bold & proud relief, Dr Bolles is a man

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of unwavering integrity, a humane & skillful Physician
to modest to make his merits felt & appreciated, a kind
husband, a judicious father and sincere & devout
Christian — For myself I can truly say, I am &
ever shall be worthy of my friends, in the land
in which I live & dwell with the highest, my Reputation is
without a stain & my rule of action ever has been never
to lose an opportunity of doing good & to be pain from
doing wrong as much as the frailty of our nature will
permit, — Still I must plead guilty to one charge, I have
staked money on games of chance, but I have never neglected
my business or forgot my obligations as a Physician, the poorest man
in Tabasco (and there are some thousands who have received my
medicine & services gratis) cannot say that I have ever
for a moment been detained from his bedside by play, I am
a gambler nor do I play with gamblers, the gov.r & all
other gentlemen of rank & station not excepting the vice pr.
in their own houses, these gentlemen are my associates
& my profession leading me daily to their houses, I have in
a manner been obliged to participate in their amusements,
& this to me has been an expensive diversion most certainly,
but the limits of a letter are to circumscribed to explain this matter
fully, when we meet you shall hear all my defence
& decide as little as possible to my discredit —

I inclose a letter of introduction from the gov.r
of Tabasco to the gov.r of Yucatan which was never delivered
in consequence of other matters preventing my intended visit
to the Capital of that State, I should prefer Mr Adam
Logan should read it for you as he knows me —

Permit me to reiterate my acknowledgments of your kindness
& believe me truly your friend —

E. D. Johnson

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Care of Messrs Goodhue & Co

New York

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Sept 3rd

Frontera 8th May 1842

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D Sir

I send you by the Brig Triumph Capt Kimball, Consigned to Howland & Aspinwall a barrel Containg Several plants of the palm family - 2 Sensitive plants, & some plant-parasites-

They must be taken out carefully to prevent the earth falling from the roots,

I sent you some plants by Capt Ramsdell, Messrs S Lothrop, Consigned to Bonchaud & Thebaud from the 1st which I presume you have as also my letter of march from Tinto, twelve leagues from Palenque, I also sent you two boxes of plants from the Palisads to the Care of the American Consul Laguna, his Consignees are Howland & Aspinwall there are or should be in one of the boxes a face & a turtle from a large indian Mound at Jonuta some of the plants are Collected more than 100 miles from where the others were

Truly yours
E. Tuckerman

Rec'd Sept 3rd

New York August 3d 42

CORRESPONDENCE
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir

On my arrival here I was unable to obtain information concerning your place of residence until my recent return from Connecticut too late unfortunately to allow of my making you a visit The war movements in Mexico render my prompt return to that Country very desirable & necessary & the departure tomorrow of the Barque Louisa for Campeachy affords me an opportunity to embark. up to yesterday Mr Goodhue & others the persons at the Store could give me no information of your whereabouts, I regret very much that this hasty movements precludes the possibility of my seeing you as I have much to say & am very anxious to discuss many matters with you

Mr Bonpland has had a box of plants several months for you, if you leave your plants in this city unbottled I should suppose the damp & insects would render them useless. Mr Howland should have two more

Write to me by the usual Channel & let me know what I can do for you

I have passed three times through Princeton without knowing that you were there, I think the little plant for intermittent fever is amongst them at Bonplands

You shall hear from me again on my arrival, did you get the live plants I sent by Capt Kimball — Do not forget to write

CORRESPONDENCE
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Yours truly

E. P. Johnson

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Professor J. Torrey —

Princeton

New Jersey

Rec'd San Juan Bautista 29 Oct 1842

Savy. 3d 1843.

Sfer and. March 1st 1843

Your favor came to hand yesterday & it gives me much pleasure to learn that some few of the plants I have from time to time transmitted have been received by you. The box I mentioned is at the Custom House & Messrs Bouchard & Thebaud 35 New Street, you say nothing of the small plant which I mention as likely to take a place in our Pharmacopia, I shall send you a plant, and beg you will tell me what it is & if there is any notice of its having been used medicinally. In my hands it has proved very efficacious in intermittent fevers. Did you receive the gum? - the bark for worms, - tell me what you think about it. - the tree which produces it has never been described, I now send you a description with the leaves & bark, it flowers in June, small white flower 5 petals, tree deciduous. When the warm season comes on I shall take much pleasure in attending to your request in favor of your friend Dr Gray & hope he

will succeed in his laudable endeavors,

There is some mistake in the date of your letter - as the 8 may'd must have been at sea - That dated on march was written at that time, but no opportunity offered of sending for a long time - it was subsequently copied & some additions made & it should have borne a different date -

I certainly did learn before I left New York that you were at Princeton & should have paid you a visit had I not so unexpectedly embarked for this country leaving all my business unsettled after having travelled so many thousand miles to regulate my affairs,

I saw but few persons whom I had previously known, I called twice on your brother but did not find him at home

CORRESPONDENCE
HE
COLUMBIA

This letter & the Gown will probably go by the Lahoka Capt Powa consigned to the Messrs Howlands -

The circumstances which in passing

years obliged me to stay, no longer exist. I cannot therefore plead them in excuse for the continuance of the habit — I have not come to a positive determination to shake off this most enticing of all vices, but I feel truly grateful for the kind interest you manifest for me & hope to give you a better account of myself in my next letter —

I scarcely know what to think of Florida, the first Northers have brought on a renewed attack of Hemorrhage from the lungs from which I obtained relief yesterday

My affairs here are unsettled the last Revolution cost me more than $500 & I have as much more due me, with very little prospect of recovering one half — The will may be destroyed, my circumstances are very different from what they were when it was written & a new one was made & deposited with Mr Goodhue when I was in New York — I shall send what I have collected of the fewer plants, I beg you will not forget to write about

Truly yours

E. L. Johnson

The plants were sent by the triumph perhaps the Capt did not take the trouble to preserve them —

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